

**ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 466 of 1988**

**287.703 Definitions; A to F.**

Sec. 3. (1) "Accredited veterinarian" means a veterinarian approved by the administrator of the United States department of agriculture, animal and plant health inspection service in accordance with provisions of 9 C.F.R. part 161, and considered preapproved to perform certain functions of federal and cooperative state/federal programs.

(2) "Animal" means mollusks, crustaceans, and vertebrates other than human beings including, but not limited to, livestock, exotic animals, aquaculture, and domestic animals.

(3) "Animal movement certificate" means animal movement authorization established in a manner approved and issued by the director that contains, at a minimum, the following information regarding animals or an animal:

- (a) The point of origin and point of destination.
- (b) Official identification.
- (c) Anticipated movement date.
- (d) Any required official test results for bovine tuberculosis.

(4) "Aquaculture" means the commercial husbandry of aquaculture species on the approved list of aquaculture species under the Michigan aquaculture development act, 1996 PA 199, MCL 286.871 to 286.884, including, but not limited to, the culturing, producing, growing, using, propagating, harvesting, transporting, importing, exporting, or marketing of any products, coproducts, or by-products of fish, crustaceans, mollusks, reptiles, and amphibians, reared or cultured under controlled conditions in an aquaculture facility.

(5) "Aquaculture facility" means that term as defined under the Michigan aquaculture development act, 1996 PA 199, MCL 286.871 to 286.884.

(6) "Approved vaccine" means a veterinary biological administered to livestock or other animals to induce immunity in the recipient and approved by the state veterinarian.

(7) "Carcasses" means the dead bodies of animals, poultry, or aquaculture. Carcasses do not include rendered products.

(8) "Cattle" means all bovine (genus bos) animals, bovinelike animals (genus bison) also commonly referred to as American buffalo or bison and any cross of these species unless otherwise specifically provided.

(9) "Cattle importation lot" means a premises registered with the department and used only to feed cattle in preparation for slaughter.

(10) "Commingle" means concurrently or subsequently sharing or subsequent use by livestock or other domestic animals of the same pen or same section in a facility or same section in a transportation unit where there is physical contact or contact with bodily excrements, aerosols, or fluids from other livestock or domestic animals.

(11) "Consignee" means the person receiving the animals at the point of destination named on the official interstate or intrastate health certificate, official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection or animal movement certificate, entry authorization form, fish disease inspection report, owner-shipper statement, or sales invoice.

(12) "Contagious disease" means an illness due to a specific infectious agent or suspected infectious agent or its toxic products which arises through transmission of that agent or its products from an infected animal, or inanimate reservoir to a susceptible host, either directly or indirectly through an intermediate plant or animal host, vector, or the inanimate environment, or via an airborne mechanism.

(13) "Dealer" means any person required to be licensed under 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to 287.131, and engaged in the business of buying, receiving, selling, exchanging, transporting, negotiating, or soliciting the sale, resale, exchange, transportation, or transfer of livestock.

(14) "Department" means the Michigan department of agriculture.

(15) "Direct movement" means transfer of animals to a destination without unloading the animals en route and without exposure to any other animals or bodily excrements, aerosols, or fluids from other animals.

(16) "Director" means the director of the Michigan department of agriculture or his or her authorized representative.

(17) "Disease" means any animal health condition with potential for economic impact, public or animal health concerns, or food safety concerns.

(18) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a veterinary biological.

(19) "Domestic animal" means those species of animals that live under the husbandry of humans.

(20) "Emergency fish diseases" means certain infectious diseases of fish that are transmissible directly or

indirectly from 1 fish to another and are not known to exist within the waters of the state. Emergency fish diseases include, but are not limited to, viral hemorrhagic septicemia, infectious hematopoietic necrosis, ceratomyxosis, and proliferative kidney disease.

(21) “Equine” means all animals of the equine family which includes horses, asses, jacks, jennies, hinnies, mules, donkeys, burros, ponies, and zebras.

(22) “Exhibition or exposition” means a congregation, gathering, or collection of livestock that are presented or exposed to public view for show, display, swap, exchange, entertainment, educational event, instruction, advertising, or competition. Exhibition or exposition does not include livestock for sale at public stockyards, auctions, saleyards, and livestock yards licensed under the provisions of 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to 287.131.

(23) “Exhibition facility” means any facility used or intended to be used for public view, show, display, swap, exchange, entertainment, advertisement, educational event, or competition involving livestock. Exhibition facility does not include a public stockyard, an auction saleyard, and a livestock yard where livestock are accepted on consignment and the auction method is used in the marketing of the livestock.

(24) “Exhibitor” means any person who presents livestock for public display, exhibition, or competition or enters livestock in a fair, show, exhibition, or exposition.

(25) “Exotic animal” means those animals that are not native to North America.

(26) “Fair” means a competition and educational exhibition of agricultural commodities and manufactured products for which premiums may be paid and which is conducted by an association or governmental entity.

(27) “Feral swine” means swine which have lived their life or any part of their life as free roaming or not under the husbandry of humans.

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